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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Subject: Conference at Federal Bureau of Investigation,
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1. There follows a summary of the subjects and agreements covered in a conversation held this date by representatives of the CIG and the FBI on the subject of the transfer of responsibility for intelligence coverage in Latin America. CIG was represented by Colonel Galloway, Colonel Quinn, Mr. Penrose and Mr. DeBardleben. FBI representatives present were Mr. Tamm, Mr. Ladd, and his Assistant.

2. The general problem and the points of view of the two agencies concerned were discussed by all representatives. The CIG expressed the following estimate of the situation:

a. That CIG was desirous of taking over the intelligence coverage in Latin America at the earliest possible date; that beginning from scratch it would take a reasonable length of time to recruit, train and introduce competent personnel and proper facilities; that the job would be made much easier if CIG were able to capitalize on the accomplishments and assets of the FBI and could count on the cooperation and assistance of FBI in taking over and carrying on the work now in progress. It was felt by CIG that the transfer of responsibility should be a coordinated undertaking in order to avoid lapses in operations and to assure continuity in intelligence production. In order to implement such a coordinated plan the operational desks of CIG and FBI would necessarily work closely together. Colonel Galloway expressed some apprehension at the withdrawal of FBI personnel without consultation and agreement by CIG, and requested that the withdrawal of personnel from the Dominican Republic and Costa Rica in thirty days be reconsidered. It was agreed that this request would be conveyed to the Director, FBI. CIG representatives stressed the point that it was to the common advantage of both agencies to transfer to CIG all its assets that could be transferred on the ground. (See attached memo). To this proposition the FBI agreed but stated that so long as any representatives of FBI could be spared by the Bureau and in the event of a transfer of radio equipment, FBI would so far as possible receive a comparable amount of such material in the United States for their own activities.

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3. Mr. Tamm expressed several times the general attitude of the Director of the FBI, Mr. Hoover. He stated Mr. Hoover felt that if the FBI were to get out of Latin America it should get out as quickly and as expeditiously as possible. This point of view was appreciated by the representatives of CIG who insisted, however, that FBI coordinate its withdrawal with the CIG entrance so that continuity might be preserved. Mr. Tamm agreed that FBI should not withdraw from a given area without consultation and agreement by CIG.

4. The conference resulted in the following arrangements. The FBI will appoint a working committee which will meet with a working committee designated by CIG. This joint committee will determine the FBI assets in Latin America and what part of them may be transferred to the CIG, the desires and plans of FBI covering the withdrawal of their personnel and facilities. Based upon the work of these two committees the Operations Branch will draw up a detailed plan for taking over the secret intelligence coverage in Latin America. After the approval of this plan by the Director of CIG, it will then be submitted to the Director of FBI for his information and consideration. After agreement by the two agencies this plan will be the guide for a coordinated transfer of responsibility from FBI to CIG.


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